

## Church News

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years. The Ladies' Aid Society of the church voted to respond in a substantial way to Dr. Morris' call for funds to assist in erecting the new dormitory. This aid society is a live, aggressive body of workers, a blessing to the church. Rev. H. Maxey Smith, of Dongshang, China, who is in the United States on furlough, made two interesting addresses recently to our people. An offering of thirty-four dollars was made for Foreign Missions at the close of his address.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Lynchburg:** We had a week's meeting at this church commencing January 18 and closing on the night of the fourth Sabbath. Rev. R. G. McLees assisted the pastor, Rev. T. B. Trenholm. A splendid meeting. Twelve were added on profession of faith, three by letters from M. E. Church, five by letter from sister Presbyterian churches and three more letters promised. The congregations were the largest ever seen in the history of old Lynchburg church. The church has taken on new life.

**At Lake City:** Commencing January 24th and closing on the following Sabbath, we held a meeting with Rev. A. R. Woodson assisting the pastor, Rev. T. B. Trenholm. Five were added on profession of faith and two by letter. We were saddened by the sudden death of a prominent and useful member of the church who fell dead in front of the house of God just before services on Friday night of the meeting.

**Kingstree:** A new manse has been lately completed and occupied by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Ervin.

### TENNESSEE.

**Memphis:** At the Idlewild church, Memphis, on February 7, six members were received by letter. Four deacons recently elected were ordained, Dr. H. K. Campbell, E. A. Pettingill, A. D. McLean and Tillman Haynes. The board of deacons thus strengthened numbers ten, with R. F. Creson chairman, and Geo. G. Taylor treasurer. Rev. Harry Pratt, at the close of the service presented the cause of the Birmingham Convention in behalf of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Nine men volunteered to attend, and others will doubtless do so.

**The Presbyterian Bible Training school** at Nashville has recently been chartered under the laws of Tennessee. The officers are Presbyterian, Allen G. Hall, vice-president; Jno. H. DeWitt, secretary, and treasurer, C. C. Gilbert. The superintendent selected is Rev. Geo. O. Bachman. Correspondence students are already being enrolled, extension classes and lecture courses are being projected, and a building will be ready for occupancy not later than September 1, 1909.—C. O.

**Nashville:** An interesting event occurred on Monday evening, February 1st,

in the parlors and Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Bradford Nichol, one of the deacons of the congregation, has been teaching in the Sunday school for about 50 years. He has now a class of ladies with about 38 in attendance. His class are very devoted to him and he has the faculty of arousing great interest in the study of the lesson. Mrs. Martha A. Anderson, the mother of Dr. William M. Anderson, the pastor, is a member of this class. Mr. Nichol and the class were planning a surprise party for Mrs. M. A. Anderson on her 70th birthday. One morning he asked who was the oldest member of the class and Mrs. Anderson promptly and proudly replied that she supposed she was, as she would be 70 in February. Entirely without her knowledge a very pleasing social event was planned. Mr. W. H. Raymond, the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school, presided, and a beautiful musical program was executed. The class invited a number of outside friends and more than a hundred were in attendance. Numerous, beautiful and attractive gifts were presented to Mrs. Anderson and Rev. George O. Bachman made a felicitous presentation speech. The class regretted that the pastor was away on a short rest trip in Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Anderson was overcome by the demonstration of kindness and affection and the event will be long remembered by the members of the class.

### TEXAS.

**Home Missions, Presbytery of Central Texas:** Rev. I. J. Heiser, of Waynesville, N. C., has been secured for evangelistic work in this Presbytery, until after the spring meeting. He begins his work March 1, and succeeds Rev. E. D. Allen, resigned.

**Clifton:** This church has sustained a great loss in the death of Calvin H. McSpadden, who departed this life Monday, February 8. He came to this church as an elder from the Cumberland several years ago, and largely through his influence the Cumberland Church of Clifton united with the Southern Church rather than the Northern. He has been a most efficient elder in this church since the union was effected. W. M. L.

**Lancaster:** The Presbyterian church of this city received on Sunday, February 7, one member who left us forty years ago. We were glad to have her come home again. She is our only living charter member.

**Temple:** An evangelistic conference of the Central Texas Presbytery was held on February 8 at this place. Rev. J. J. Grier, of Waco, delivered an address on "The Evangel"; Rev. E. C. Caldwell, of Austin, on "Pastor Evangelism," and Rev. M. McFerrin, of Cameron, on "The Evangelistic Church." The conference was well attended, and great good is hoped for.

**Sherman:** On Jan. 31, at a congregational meeting held at College Park church, Dr. C. R. Pepper, Mr. John McMillian and Mr. W. G. Venable were elected as elders, and at the evening

service they were installed. The church now has ten elders, and under their efficient and faithful leadership we believe there is a bright future for its usefulness.

**Lubbock Street Church, Houston:** Rev. W. R. Hudson, of Arkansas, has accepted the call recently given him to become the pastor of the Lubbock Street church, which he visited in January, and expects to begin his regular work there on March 1.

**Oak Cliff:** There were seventeen additions to this church, thirteen on profession of faith and four by letter, at the morning service on the second Sunday in January. This church has recently enjoyed a series of services conducted by Rev. James L. Bowling, of Bartlett, Texas. Great interest was manifested in this meeting from the beginning, and it resulted in leaving with the church a better spirit of co-operation in the Lord's work, a more consecrated membership, a determination to go forward "to possess the land" in our community. Mr. Bowling's sermons were of the most practical kind and were all the more forceful because of their simplicity; were real heart to heart messages of the pure Gospel. Our people look forward to the time when he can be with us again in just such a series of services. The meeting closed December 6, but it is bearing fruit all the while. Our mission Sunday school, recently organized, has now a home of its own, a nice new building in a very needy part of Oak Cliff. We have over sixty enrolled in this Sunday School, and a wonderful interest is shown in this work. This is one of the most encouraging features of our work just now. Mr. W. E. Robinson is the efficient superintendent of this school.

**Sinton:** Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., the evangelist of the Presbytery of Western Texas, recently visited the new town of Sinton and after several days of very hard work organized a church of twenty-five members. Messrs. M. M. Kime, J. W. Benson, W. E. Haisley were elected, ordained and installed, ruling elders. Sinton is one of the many rapidly growing new towns of southwest Texas. There is not a town any where new or old better backed up by a strong supporting country environment than this town. In the very near future this church will be a strong supporter of Home Missions. If our Southern church could but see the real opportunity in this country for an ecclesiastical investment that would yield several hundred per cent it would hasten to push with redoubled energy the possessing of this land.

**Crockett:** This church increased most of its contributions to the Assembly's causes during the year 1908, and is coming up better than usual in its finances. During the year the pastor, Rev. S. F. Tenney, has received many acts of kindness from the members and other friends, especially at Christmas time, and on Thanksgiving day. Our Sunday School, missionary, aid societies, and Young Girls' Society have kept up

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